

4/24 to 5/6 – FEDERAL COURT ACTIVITY

United States Attorney's Office, Northern District of Indiana

Hammond, Indiana - The United States Attorney's Office announced:

William Wicks, 47, of Chesterton, Indiana, was charged in an indictment unsealed this week with making false statements in the purchase of a firearm, and being a felon in possession of a firearm. Wicks was previously convicted of the felony offense of burglary in 1983. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dean Lanter.

Martin Soto, 30, of Hammond, Indiana, was sentenced by Senior Judge Rudy Lozano to 63 months imprisonment and 4 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with conspiracy to distribute narcotics in the case *US v Jose Perez et al.* This case was the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Joshua Kolar.

Charles Webb, 36, of East Chicago, Indiana, pled guilty before Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to count one of a superseding indictment charging him with conspiracy to distribute narcotics. Sentencing has been set for 7/14/11. This case was the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Joshua Kolar.

Nathaniel Milligan, Jr., 42, of East Chicago, Indiana, pled guilty before Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to count one of a superseding indictment charging him with conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine and marijuana in the case *US v Charles Webb et al.* Sentencing has been set for 7/29/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Joshua Kolar.

Nathaniel Baxter, 29, of Gary, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to 120 months imprisonment and 8 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with distribution of cocaine. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas Ratcliffe.

Eloy Ortega, 38, of Chicago, Illinois, pled guilty before Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to count one of an indictment charging him with conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute cocaine. Sentencing has been set for 7/27/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer Chang-Adiga.

Gabriel Guerro Corona, 38, of Lafayette, Indiana, pled guilty before Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to count two of an indictment charging him with distribution of methamphetamine in the case *US v Rodriguez et al.* Sentencing has been set for 7/27/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jacqueline Jacobs.

James Lewis Williams, 43, of Kankakee, Illinois, pled guilty before Senior Judge James Moody to count one of an indictment charging him with the bank robbery of the Kentland Bank in Lake Village, Indiana, and assault with a deadly weapon. Williams also pled guilty to count one of a second indictment charging him with the bank robbery of the Shapiro Development Center Employee's Credit Union in Kankakee, Illinois. These charges were

filed as the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Nozick.

Mark Chambers, 30, of Gary, Indiana, was sentenced by Senior Judge James Moody to 30 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with distribution of crack cocaine. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jacqueline Jacobs.

Erick Rivera, 24, of Lafayette, Indiana, was sentenced by Senior Judge James Moody to 24 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with distribution of crack cocaine. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation GRIT Task Force. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jacqueline Jacobs.

Christopher Osborne, 37, of Valparaiso, Indiana, was sentenced by Senior Judge James Moody to 21 months imprisonment after pleading guilty to count three of a superseding indictment charging him with conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute heroin. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Nozick.

Marlon Blades, 32, of Chicago, Illinois, pled guilty before Senior Judge Rudy Lozano to count one of a superseding indictment charging him with interstate kidnaping in the case *US v Jermaine Gentle et al.* These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Chicago Police Department. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Nozick.

The United States Attorney's Office emphasized that an Indictment is merely an allegation and that all persons charged are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in court.

The specific sentence in each case to be imposed upon conviction will be determined by the judge after a consideration of federal sentencing statutes and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines.

- **5-5-2011 PABEY SENTENCED FOR PUBLIC CORRUPTION**

Hammond, Indiana—The United States Attorney's Office announced the following:

George Pabey, 60, the former mayor of East Chicago, Indiana, was sentenced by Senior Judge James Moody to 60 months imprisonment, 3 years of supervised release, and a fine of \$60,000.00, after being found guilty at trial on counts one and two of an indictment charging him with conspiracy to defraud the United States, and converting to his own use property of another. Specifically, Pabey, along with Jose Camacho, a former Supervisor/Division Manager in the Engineering Department of the City of East Chicago, conspired to unlawfully convert property and services of the City of East Chicago to Pabey's personal use. Comacho was previously sentenced to 30 months imprisonment on counts one and two of the indictment.

Pabey was ordered to report to the facility designated by the Bureau of Prisons on June 1, 2011.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation with assistance from the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation, and the United States Department of Labor-Office of the Inspector General. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys David Nozick and Gary Bell.

South Bend, IN—The United States Attorney's Office announced:

David Resnick, 31, of Fort Pierce, Florida, and formerly of Elkhart, Indiana, was charged in an indictment with one count of aggravated sexual abuse of a minor, and one count of transportation of child pornography from July, 2008 to August, 2008. The indictment alleges that Resnick crossed a State line with intent to engage in a sexual act with a person who had not attained the age of 12 years, that is, a 9 year-old boy. These charges

were filed as the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jill Koster. If members of the public have information regarding Resnick, they should call the Merrillville FBI office at 219-769-3719.

Franklin Hibshman, Jr., 22, of Elkhart, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Robert Miller, Jr. to 12 months and one day imprisonment and 2 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with unlawful transport of firearms in the case US v Arthur el al. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Schaffer.

Andreo Harris, 25, of South Bend, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Robert Miller, Jr. to 24 months imprisonment and 2 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count two of an indictment charging him with possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Donald Schmid.

Renato Debartolo, 44, of New Carlisle, Indiana, pled guilty before Judge Robert Miller, Jr. to count two of an indictment charging him with manufacturing marijuana. Sentencing has been set for 8/11/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Schaffer.

J ason Smith, 29, of South Bend, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Robert Miller, Jr. to 165 months imprisonment and 4 years of supervised release after being found guilty at trial on counts one, three, and four of an indictment charging him with possession with the intent to distribute cocaine base, being a felon in possession of a firearm, and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives . This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Schaffer.

Rosa Perez, 44, of South Bend, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Robert Miller, Jr. to 5 months imprisonment and 2 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to all counts of an indictment charging her with using a false social security number, using a false permanent resident card, and possession and use of the identification of another person. This case was the result of an investigation by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Homeland Security Investigations. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Kenneth Hays.

Steven Kronewitter, 49, of South Bend, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Robert Miller, Jr. to 21 months imprisonment and 1 year of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an information charging him with the bank fraud of Wells Fargo Bank. Kronewitter was ordered to pay \$352,235.00 in restitution. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Donald Schmid.

Reginald Fly, 27, of Michigan City, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Christopher Neuchterlein to count 3 of an indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm. Sentencing has been set for 8/8/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Schaffer.

Derrick Little, 25, of Knox, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Christopher Neuchterlein to count one of an indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm. Sentencing has been set for 7/21/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and the Starke County Police . This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Maciejczyk.

Jamie Smith, 33, of South Bend, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Robert Miller, Jr. to 3 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with being an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a firearm. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives . This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Donald Schmid.

Joaquin Villacuna-Cervantes, 37, of Indianapolis, Indiana, pled guilty before Judge Jon DeGuilio to count of an indictment charging him with reentry of a deported alien. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Homeland Security Investigations. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Schaffer. .

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The specific sentence in each case to be imposed upon conviction will be determined by the judge after a consideration of federal sentencing statutes and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines.

Fort Wayne, IN - The United States Attorney's Office announced:

Rodrigo Cerrato, 42, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Theresa Springmann to 64 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of a superseding indictment charging him with conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. This case was the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert Trgovich.

Jonathan Davis, 19, of Delta, Ohio, was sentenced by Judge Theresa Springmann to 46 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with robbery of a controlled substance. David was ordered to pay \$22,247.55 in restitution. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Ligonier Police Department, and the Allen County Police Department. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Lesley Miller Lowery.

Christian Lemus, 29, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Theresa Springmann to two years probation after pleading guilty to count of an indictment charging him with misuse of a social security number. This case was the result of an investigation by the Allen County Sheriff's Department, and the Indiana State Police. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Lovita Morris King.

Linus Stephens, 26, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Theresa Springmann to 33 months imprisonment and 2 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm . This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert Trgovich.

Anterio Ford, 20, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Theresa Springmann to 33 months imprisonment and 2 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert Trgovich.

Robert Horn, 51, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Theresa Springmann to 40 months imprisonment and 2 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with possession with the intent to distribute marijuana. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert Trgovich.

Antre Starks, 25, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, was sentenced by to 2 years probation after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with making false statements in the purchase of a firearm. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Tina Nommay.

The specific sentence in each case to be imposed upon conviction will be determined by the judge after a consideration of federal sentencing statutes and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines.